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ADJUSTABLE KEYBOARD WITH ADJUSTING AND LOCKING

MECHANISM, AND METHOD OF ITS USE

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This application is a 371 of PCT/US 00/22391 filed August 15, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of 09/384700 filed August 27, 1999 now Patent number 6,641,316.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The following invention relates to keyboards, and more particularly to a keyboard formed in two or more mutually pivotable segments which may be adjusted
5 and locked into a number of different ergonomic positions.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Known keyboards of the type used at a computer terminal, for example, generally include a unitary board onto which alphanumeric keys are attached. It is a
10 disadvantage of such known keyboards that the wrists and/or arms and shoulders of an operator must be contorted into a configuration which is stressful to the user after prolonged use of the keyboard. This problem is brought about by the fact that the hands of the user must be turned outwardly by pivoting of the wrists relative to the forearms, resulting in ulnar deviation. Discomfort to the user
15 caused by pronation of the wrists is also a problem with these known keyboards. Pronated posture can also transmit stresses into the neck and shoulders of the user.

It is desirable to reduce pronation and ulnar deviation of the wrists in computer keyboards. To that end, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,424,728 and 5,543,790 describe adjustable keyboards with at least two segments which are movable relative to one another via a
20 hinge or joint. By moving the segments, the orientation of the user's wrists and hands